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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/453/Add.1)*]

52/177. Death and disability benefits

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 6 of section II of its resolution 51/218 E of 17 June 1997,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] as well as the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,[3]

Emphasizing the need for early settlement of death and disability claims,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits;[1]

2. *Takes note also* of the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to implement without delay the administrative and payment arrangements and procedures contained in section II of his report for the payment of awards in cases of death and disability sustained by troops for incidents occurring after 30 June 1997;

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[1] A/52/369.

[2] A/52/410.

[3] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Fifth Committee*, 6th, 7th, 21st and 22nd meetings (A/C.5/52/SR.6, 7, 21 and 22), and corrigendum.

4. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General, in accordance with its resolution 51/218 E, to present, as soon as possible and not later than April 1998, proposals for administrative resource reductions resulting from this new simplified system;

5. *Also reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to present, in his next report, information on the cost of the new self-insurance system;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to settle the death and disability claims as soon as possible but not later than three months from the date of submission of a claim;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue, in the new system, to take into account, when considering all mission-related death and disability claims, that such injury or death should be compensable, unless such injury or death was caused by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the injured or deceased member of the contingent, and further requests the Secretary-General to include this notion in the aide-mémoire for troop-contributing countries.

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